

Nation's First Riparian NCA Dedicated

San Pedro—BLM's Newest Jewel

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The San Pedro, a graceful meandering river winding its way through southeastern Arizona, may look like other desert rivers at first glance. But it's not. The entire area is unusually rich in history, wildlife and plant resources. And, it was recently dedicated as the country's first riparian national conservation area.

More than 800 people gathered on the banks of the San Pedro May 6 to take part in the dedication. Mounted on horseback in a scene right out of the Old West, the U.S. Cavalry's B Troop from nearby Fort Huachuca rode up to present the colors and begin the ceremony.

The dedication culminated efforts that began in 1986 when BLM initiated a series of land exchanges to acquire property along the upper San



The San Pedro River has attracted people and wildlife for thousands of years.

Pedro River Valley. Through these exchanges, more than 35 miles of the San Pedro River and adjacent lands came into public ownership.

Water is the lifeblood of the desert, and more than 90 percent of the riparian areas in Arizona have been lost. The San Pedro, unlike most desert rivers, never completely runs dry during the year. Although sometimes water runs at a mere trickle, it is enough to sustain abundant life. This rarity is what makes the San Pedro area special. Protecting

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A reporter interviews Arizona State Director D. Dean Bibbes following the dedication ceremony.

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B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S Cavalry from Fort Huachuca, dressed in Army uniforms of the 1800s, presents the colors to begin the San Pedro Riparian NCA dedication.

San Pedro Area Rich in History, Wildlife

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and enhancing the San Pedro's riparian ecosystem, its wildlife, recreational, cultural and paleontological values is vital.

Noting that the San Pedro has "come full circle" from the time prehistoric peoples hunted and gathered there, BLM Arizona State Director D. Dean Bibles said the area will now be preserved in its natural state, "for our children and their children's children."

Rep. Jim Kolbe and BLM Director Robert Burford unveiled a dedication plaque. The San Pedro became the nation's fifth national conservation area and the first riparian national conservation area when President Reagan signed into law the Arizona-Idaho Conservation Act Nov. 18, 1988.

Comprised of some 56,431 acres in BLM's Safford District, the San Pedro represents the best remaining broadleaf riparian ecosystem in Arizona. Stretching northward from the U.S./Mexico border to just below St. David, Ariz., a verdant ribbon of Freemont cottonwoods, willow, mesquite, shrubs and grasses forms a corridor of life two to three miles wide.

More than 350 species of birds, ranging from the vermilion flycatcher and the green kingfisher to the rare yellow-billed cuckoo, have been documented so far, nearly half of the regularly occurring species in North America. Some 20 species of raptors inhabit the area including more than 50 percent of the nation's remaining gray

hawks. The San Pedro also boasts 80 species of mammals, 12 species of fish and 30-40 species of amphibians and reptiles.

These weren't the first denizens of the area, however. Where deer, mountain lion and javelina--a small wild pig--now roam, woolly mammoths and giant bison once were hunted by prehistoric man. Two of America's six occurrences of Clovis Man have been discovered along the San Pedro. These are the only sites in North America where intricate Clovis spear points, dating back 11,500 years, have been found with bones of the woolly mammoth.

In 1540, the Coronado expedition traveled along the San

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To Lease or Not to Lease?

Let Hertz put you in the driver's seat? Maybe. Commercial leasing companies want to lease motor vehicles to the government.

It's not known yet if it is more economical to lease or own, but we'll soon find out with Interior's Departmental Fleet Management System (DFMS).

The combined Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), part of Public Law 99-272, required all agencies to develop a system to identify, collect, and analyze data for the acquisition, operation, maintenance, and disposal of motor vehicles. DFMS was created to enable us to study the ways vehicle dollars are spent and develop ways to save.

For example, the Bureau of Reclamation may have an office next to the U.S. Geological Survey in, say, Cheyenne. Each organization owns a

pickup truck, but uses it only half its recommended monthly average. Information provided through the DFMS would highlight such situations, which could trigger creative solutions, such as a cross-agency vehicle sharing program.



BLM Equipment Specialist Maynard Kach views GSA's Denver fleet. The Denver Fleet Management Center supplies more than 2,000 vehicles annually to local government agencies. Photo by Connie Slusser, BLM Service Center photographer

Because BLM already has an effective automated fleet management system of its own, the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Budget, and Administration asked BLM to develop and coordinate the new DFMS. Through consultations with a DOI committee,

BLM's property and computer staff had the DFMS up and running by January 1988.

A number of DOI Bureaus were one step ahead because they already had an automated motor vehicle system. This made it easier to extract existing information to report to the DFMS. BLM is one such Bureau. Because of this, the implementation of DFMS requires no additional effort

from the field. Some Bureaus, however, had to initiate a reporting system from which information could be relayed to the DFMS.

Individual DOI Bureaus and offices report specific data about their vehicles on a tape or a diskette. Information computed

by the system includes mileage, geographic location, repair costs, gallons of fuel used, number of GSA vehicles, and number of DOI vehicles. Each Bureau sends its information monthly or quarterly to the BLM's Branch of Personal Property in the Service Center's Division of Administrative Services in Denver.

On a quarterly basis, the computer generates a variety of vehicle reports that are distributed to the Bureaus and to the Department's Office of Acquisition and Property Management for interpretation.

After all vehicle data is processed and evaluated, that office will recommend a course of action. Should we lease vehicles in specific locations? Should we lease our entire fleet? Should we test new programs to economize? BLM has successfully created a valuable tool that will not only assist DOI with policy decisions, but one that will effectively support those decisions—The Departmental Fleet Management System.

Employee Spotlight

Football more than Hobby For Area Manager's Family

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Around Oregon's Eugene District on Monday mornings in the fall, there's probably a little more hall talk about football than in other BLM offices.

And if South Valley Resource Area Manager Bob Walter mentions that he'll be making another weekend 1,100-mile round-trip to the Bay Area to take in a San Francisco 49er game, people know it's more than because he's an ardent fan of the team.

Walter will be there not only to watch the game, but also to keep an eye on his son, Michael, who wears number 99 and starts at the inside linebacker position for the Super Bowl champion 49ers.

"Ever since I've been on the West Coast, I've been a 49er fan," said Walter, a native of New Jersey who has worked more than 30 years for BLM. "I used to plan my whole Sunday schedule around watching them on TV."

Now he plans his entire weekends around the games, making the trek to Candlestick Park five to ten times a season.

That his son ended up with



South Valley Area Manager Bob Walter stands next to photos of his son with the San Francisco 49er football team.

the team was a pleasant surprise. But there were a few twists in the road to San Francisco, the first being a year's stop at Dallas.

Michael Walter was an all-Pacific-10 performer on the defensive line at the University of Oregon. The Dallas Cowboys made him a second-round pick in the NFL's 1983 draft. "He was a gamble in the draft, because he wasn't big enough to play on the line in the NFL," Walter said. "The Cowboys wanted to use him as an outside linebacker."

His rookie year was frustrating with virtually no playing time. Just before the start of his

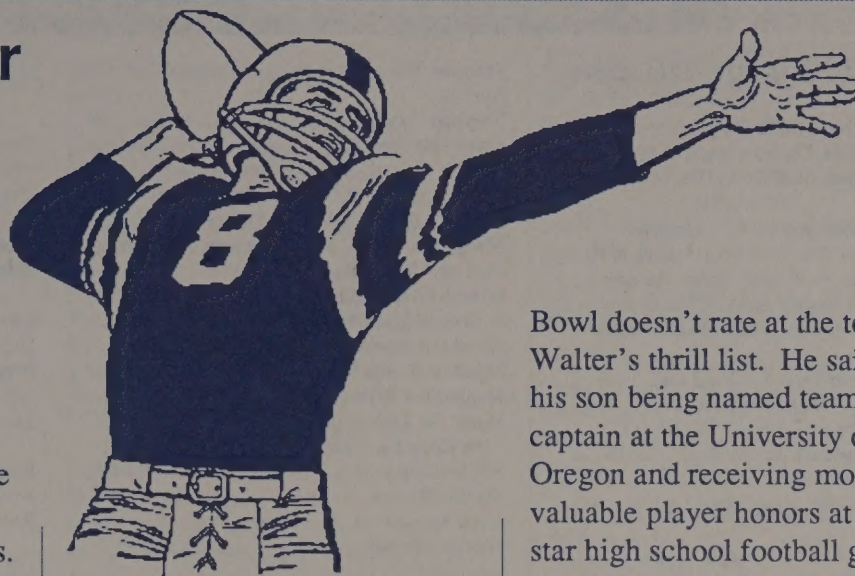
second season, Michael Walter was cut, a move that one national sports publication recently used to illustrate why the Cowboys have fallen hard from the team's glory days.

Being cut was "the low point," acknowledges the elder Walter, but a few days later he got the thought that "maybe the 49ers would like Michael." That same morning, Walter got a call from his son's agent wanting to know how to get in touch with him. It seemed a team was interested in signing Michael Walter: the 49ers.

The 49ers switched Walter

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Area Manager More than Average 49er Fan *(continued)*



to the inside position, and he began to see playing time immediately as a member of the special teams and back-up to then-starter, Hacksaw Reynolds. The football Cinderella story of Michael Walter ended in a perfect way that season—in the January 1985 Super Bowl, with a 38-16 win over the Miami Dolphins.

"The Super Bowl was in Palo Alto, Calif., that year. Our whole family went. We just camped out on his apartment floor," Walter said.

Four years later, the 6'3", 238-pound Michael Walter was again in the Super Bowl, this time as a starter and as the team's leading tackler for the second year in a row. San Francisco edged the Cincinnati Bengals 20-16 in January's Super Bowl, and Michael Walter earned his second Super Bowl ring.

And once again, his parents Bob and Barbara were in the stands along with two of his brothers.

"The game ended right, but personally I enjoyed the Miami game more," Bob Walter said. "The 49ers treated us royally, though."

Bob and Barbara Walter are the parents of four sons and two daughters. All of the members of the tightly knit family enjoy athletics. Basketball was the favorite sport, and Michael Walter, in fact, didn't play football until his senior year in high school.

He's gradually being recognized as one of the game's premier linebackers, with pro-bowl honors seemingly within grasp. "Michael just does his job. He makes a tackle and gets up and goes back to the huddle," said his father. "His brothers tell him he needs to do a dance or be more animated. But that isn't his style."

Nor his father's. Around the BLM office, Bob Walter doesn't bring up the subject of football much himself. "I fear...that I'll sound like I'm bragging." There are only a couple of mementos in his office that hint of Michael's vocation.

Surprisingly, the Super

Bowl doesn't rate at the top of Walter's thrill list. He said that his son being named team captain at the University of Oregon and receiving most valuable player honors at an all-star high school football game (the proceeds of which benefited a children's hospital) are probably the most meaningful recognitions his son has garnered.

"Plus, I think he's a damn nice person. I always get feedback from boosters and other people on what a nice guy he is."

His reputation as one of the sport's good guys was enhanced a few years ago when Michael Walter sent a check to his alma mater to help "pay back" the cost of his football scholarship. Papa Walter is as proud of his son for who he is as much as what he does.

"There are a lot of 49er fans around here," Bob Walter said, somewhat sheepishly.

With a father-and-son combination like Bob and Michael Walter at hand, there's little doubt why neither of them lack for admirers.

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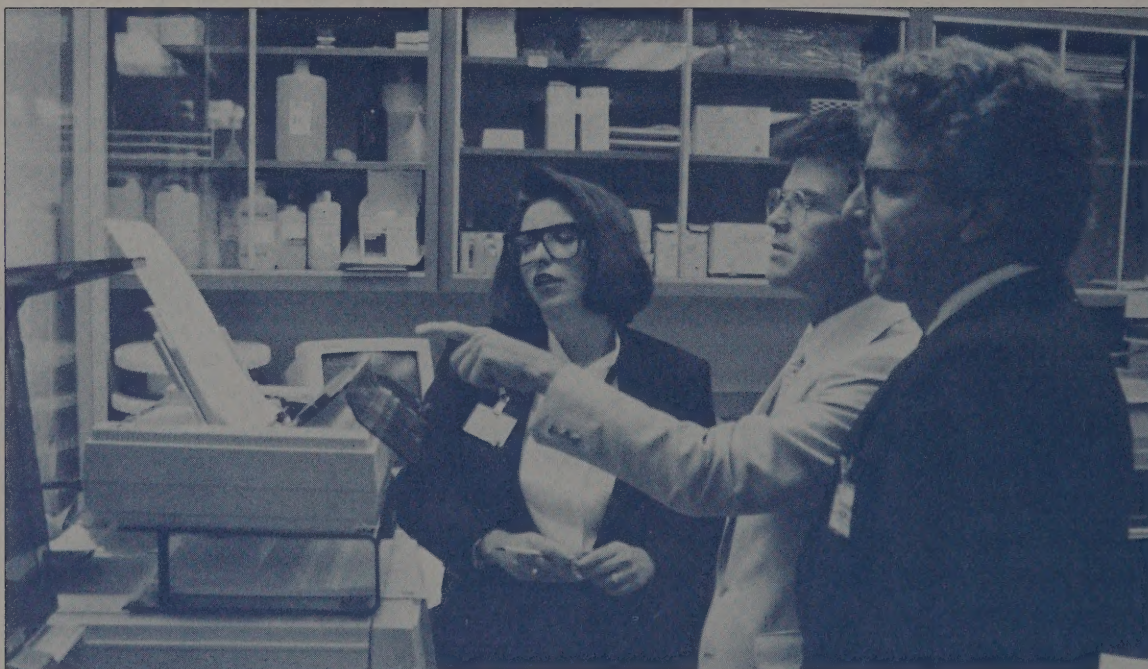
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Tom Allen, center, assistant director for management services in the Washington Office and Andrei Bogolubov, right, Chief, Office of Public Affairs, recently toured the American Medical Laboratories, Inc. (AML) facility with AML representatives Beth Burmeister. This Fairfax, Va., medical facility, one of only 23 labs in the nation to receive the National Institute for Drug Abuse certification, is presently performing all the drug screening tests for the Dept. of the Interior. Allen and Bogolubov were taken on a 2-hour tour that focused on a variety of testing issues including: sample receipt at the lab, sample security within the facility, sample testing and storage, test result analysis, equipment maintenance and result notification procedures.

Wild Horse Joins Marine Ranks

When the palomino horse came in from a wild horse gather on the Black Rock Desert in Nevada last year, something special attracted Fred Wyatt, manager of the Palomino Valley Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Center.

Wyatt had already adopted Blackjack, a large, black horse he rides as he manages the BLM facility where the majority of wild horses and burros are brought in Nevada. Still, this palomino had a good disposition and showed signs of growing considerably. So Wyatt plunked down another \$125 for the palomino. He called the animal Powderkeg.

Powderkeg quickly adapted to a halter and became popular with visitors who could see how affectionate and intelligent he was. Then in June, Wyatt attended the Reno Rodeo festivities.

The U.S. Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard led the parade and the grand entry at the rodeo. Wyatt could see that his palomino wild horse would fit in beautifully. He also knew that offering to give up his horse would benefit all wild horses because the public would see just what one of the wild ones can do.

Last fall, the Marines adopted the palomino, which will join eight other horses in



Fred Wyatt, manager of the Palomino Wild Horse Center in Nevada, rubs Powderkeg, the Marine's newest wild horse in their Color Guard.

the Mounted Color Guard in Barstow, California.

Plans are for the 2-year-old to receive training so it will be ready for this parade season. Powderkeg will be renamed, probably for someone or for a major Marine battle.

The animals used by the Barstow Guard are all palominos. Powderkeg will be the second wild horse used by the unit. Sgt. Major Roger Rook of the Mounted Color Guard says one of the present color guard mounts is a 17-year-old wild horse whose heritage hasn't been traced. That animal is near retirement.

The Corps' horses participated in about 70 parades last year, primarily in California. This year's parade schedule ends with the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona. Rook says it's impossible to accommodate

all the requests for parades especially since the riders are all volunteers with other military duties.

Limiting the number of parades has not interfered with the unit's ability to achieve excellence, however. Last year it was the first military organization to be named California Association of Parades overall high point champion.

Rook says his organization is pleased with Powderkeg and hopes that the Marines will be able to adopt a half dozen more wild palomino horses from Nevada in the next couple years. Some of the animals now being used will retire soon, and good horses are expensive.

"The Marines would be proud to head an all wild horse unit," Rook said.

BLM Around the Country

Idaho BLM employee Receives prestigious Community Service Award

Idaho EEO Officer Jesse Sanchez Berain was one of five Idahoans recently selected to receive the prestigious Jefferson Award for public service. Gov. Cecil D. Andrus presented the awards, and each recipient now becomes a candidate for National recognition.

Originated in 1973 and named after Thomas Jefferson, the Jefferson Award represents the highest ideals and achievements in the field of public service. A recipient must have made significant personal contributions to the state and community. In one of many letters nominating Berain for the Jefferson Award, he was described as having "devoted his life to the service of others."

And he has indeed spent his life working to improve conditions for Idaho citizens. He was the first director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission and



Left to Right: Gov. Cecil Andrus, Jesse Berain, Idaho EEO Officer and Pieter VanZanden, Idaho Assoc. SD.

one of the founders of IMAGE de Idaho, an organization devoted to the improvement of members of the Hispanic community. He served six years as Director of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and has been involved in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, served as Treasurer for the Idaho Association of Mexican

Americans, President of PTA, Vice State Chairperson of the American GI Forum, Treasurer of the NAACP, and community schools Spanish Teacher. As a member of the Idaho Youth Commission, he assisted in drafting legislation to revamp the juvenile justice system in Idaho.

Berain is a member of the Board of Directors for the Silver Sage Girl Scout Council which serves southern Idaho and eastern Utah, a Board Member for the Boise/Elmore Community Housing Resource Board, and has sponsored two groups of inmates at the Idaho State Correctional Institute.

In presenting the award, Gov. Andrus said, "These outstanding Idahoans are symbols of the very best in our state. Each has given of himself in the interest of helping others. Each of the Jefferson Award recipients demonstrates that the highest calling any of us can have is to care enough to give of ourselves to make life a little better for someone else."

The Jefferson Award is sponsored locally by KIVI, Channel 6 Television in Boise.

BLM to participate in International Geological Congress

For the first time in more than 56 years, the United States will host the International Geological Congress in Washington, D.C., July 9-19. More than 100 countries are expected to participate.

Six technical papers by BLM employees were approved for oral presentation and two more will be presented in the poster session of the IGC. BLM employees who will make oral presentations include: Tom Mowatt, Alaska SO; Greg Wilkerson, Bakersfield DO; Tom Mowatt, Alaska SO and A.S. Naidu, University of Alaska; Tim S. Moore and John Key, Bakersfield DO; Tom Mowatt and J. Dygas, Alaska SO; and William Hansen, Montana SO.

The Poster Session Presentations will include: Wilmuth Lucas, Jackson DO and William G. Cibula, NASA; and Tony Ferguson, WO and Robert Ross, Worland DO.

The Bureau will also participate in the IGC's Exhibition July 9-14. The BLM's display on multiple-use/multiple-resources mission with an emphasis on energy and mineral resources, automation and computer capabilities will be set up.

For additional information about the IGC and BLM's participation, contact Jean Juilland, FTS 343-8537. Commercial area code is (202).

BLM employee honored by Corporation



From left, Director Robert Burford watches as Departmental Management Trainee Leslie Cone receives an achievement award from Edwin Ing, president, and Tom Gray, executive director of the American Wind Energy Association. The Association honored Cone for her "impartiality and fairness" in managing wind/energy development on federal land. Before coming to Washington, Cone was area manager for the Indio Resource Area in Palm Springs, Calif.

California BLM employee receives Award for Cadastral Automation

Jerry Wahl, center, land surveyor in the California State Office receives a \$5,000 Special Service Award from WO Cadastral Survey Chief Bernard W. Hostrop, left, and California Cadastral Survey Chief Skip Robinson, right. Wahl received the award for his dedicated service as the Bureauwide Cadastral Automation Coordinator and his extraordinary contributions to BLM and cadastral survey in the automation arena.



Outdoor Recreation Planner named Ranger of the Year by National Association

LuVerne Grussing, outdoor recreation planner in Idaho's Cottonwood Resource Area, was recently named Ranger of the Year by the National Forest Recreation Association. At an awards banquet held April 13 in Portland, Ore., Grussing was recognized for his efforts in working with diverse groups to solve problems. He was honored for his public service initiatives such as river cleanups and interpretive float trips, his many hours of nonpaid community service, and his work in improving the professional image of the Bureau.

Grussing has worked in the Cottonwood Resource Area for 10 years, devoting much of his time to the management of the Lower Salmon River. Prior to joining BLM, Grussing and his

wife, Kathy, served more than 3 years with the Peace Corps in Africa. While stationed in the Central African Republic, he coached the national basketball team, which won the African championship in 1974. Following his stint in the Peace Corps, he returned to college and earned a master's degree in Recreation and Park Administration from the University of Minnesota. He started working for BLM in Cottonwood, Idaho, in 1978.

Congressionals Praise BLM for San Pedro

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Pedro River looking for Cibola, the legendary "Seven Cities of Gold." And in 1776, construction began on a Spanish fort — the Royal Presidio, Santa Cruz de Terrenate. It was abandoned barely four years later after a continual, bloody war with the Apaches. In 1847, the Mormon Battalion, marching south to Mexico along the river, was attacked by a herd of wild bulls.

Later, cattle ranchers came to the San Pedro and then the miners. Boom towns such as Fairbank, Millville and Charleston sprang up in the late 1800s, the latter two founded to process ore taken from the silver mines in nearby Tombstone.

By the 1980s, the Tenneco Realty Development Corp. had acquired the grant lands and was trying to sell 40-acre ranch parcels. Recognizing the San Pedro's resource values, Bibles spoke to former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt about acquiring the lands and then gained the support of Reps. Jim Kolbe and Mo Udall and Sens. John McCain and

Dennis DeConcini. The public also voiced strong support for preserving the San Pedro. An Arizona developer, Arizona White Tank Associates, bought the land from

appreciated by those who learn the lessons that this river can teach," Kolbe said.

In a letter read during the ceremony, Sen. Dennis DeConcini said, "It's nice when

particular are to be commended for doing the 'impossible'..." he said. "You have done the wildlife of Arizona a great service."

The Friends of the San Pedro River, a volunteer group 125 strong, has put more than 3,000 hours into cleaning up the area and restoring the San Pedro House, a 1930s-era farmhouse where the group operates a book store and information center. A management plan is being developed for the San Pedro, and in the next few years a visitor center will be built.

Perhaps Kolbe said it best in his dedication speech: "I feel like we have just opened up a long-buried chest of treasure."

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Tenneco and swapped it for BLM land in the White Tank Mountains west of Phoenix. Each piece of property was valued at \$26.5 million.

Bibles and BLM have received high praise for the swap. Looking over the land during the dedication ceremony, former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall said, "The real essence of Arizona is what you see here. We all own it. BLM is managing some of our best lands and doing the best job of managing those lands."

"The work we do on the San Pedro will be long remembered and

you can see this kind of vision in this kind of leadership."

Dan Campbell, Southwest regional representative of The Nature Conservancy, called the San Pedro one of America's great conservation treasures. "The Bureau of Land Management in Arizona and Dean Bibles in

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